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Dear Mr. Manly,

cpl David Pope, the outfielder who I had hoped to bring to Richmond for you to look at is now on a 28 day furlough in Pittsburg. Since his brother is with the Crawford's, they will probably make an effort to get a string on him.

Pope is the best looking outfield prospect I have seen this year, and has the best arm of any, pro or service player I have seen. I'm positive you can't go wrong in trying to get a look at him while he is off. If you want to, get in touch with me, and I'll get in touch with him and have him meet you so you can get a look

at him. He's still limping slightly, when he runs too much from the broken ankle he sustained during our night game in Richmond in May, but should be in top condition next spring.

By the way, you said you wanted a pitcher. I've just gotten the best pitching prospect I've had all year. A kid named Williams. Right now he's a better looking prospect than Blair, of the Grays. Has more speed and a better curve ball. I want to look at him and school him a little more before I put the stamp of approval on him. If you plan to play in Richmond any more this year let me know and I'll bring him over.

Sincerely,

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